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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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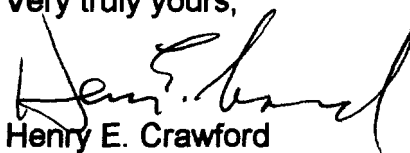
In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations Range Broadcasting Company Durango, Colorado MM Docket No.:

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Range Broadcasting Company are an original and four (4) copies of a "Petition for Rulemaking" as directed to the Allocations Branch.

Should any additional information be required, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,



Henry E. Crawford
Counsel for
Range Broadcasting Company

cc: The Allocations Branch

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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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To: The Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Range Broadcasting Company ("Range Broadcasting"), by counsel, hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202 of the Commission's Rules, to assign FM Channel 243A to the community of Durango, Colorado, as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Durango, Colorado	259C2, 263C1, 267C1	243A , 259C2, 263C1, 267C1

1. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 243A can be assigned to Durango in complete compliance with the Commission's distance separation requirements as contained in 47 CFR §73.207. The reference coordinates: 37-15-38 N 107-42-01 W will show the 70dbu (city grade contour) entirely encompassing the city of Durango, Colorado. Moreover, there is a wide area available for placing an appropriate transmitter.

2. Durango is a city located in La Plata County, Colorado. According to the 1990 Census, Durango has a population of 12,430 persons. Durango is located at the meeting of US 550 and US 160 in southwestern Colorado, where the Colorado Plateau mountain desert meets the San Juan Mountain Range. Durango is a center for businesses including mining, clothing, the production of sporting goods and confections. The present proposal would represent only the 4th local FM service at Durango. Therefore, the public interest will be served by the assignment of Channel 243A to Durango, Colorado.

3. If the Commission assigns Channel 243A to Durango, Colorado, Range Broadcasting will apply for a construction permit and will construct a new facility upon award of that permit.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the above, Range Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 243A be assigned to Durango, Colorado.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Range Broadcasting Company

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Henry E. Crawford

Its Attorney

**Range Broadcasting Company
Petition for Rulemaking
November 13, 1996**

EXHIBIT 1

Durango CO

REFERENCE

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107 42 01 W

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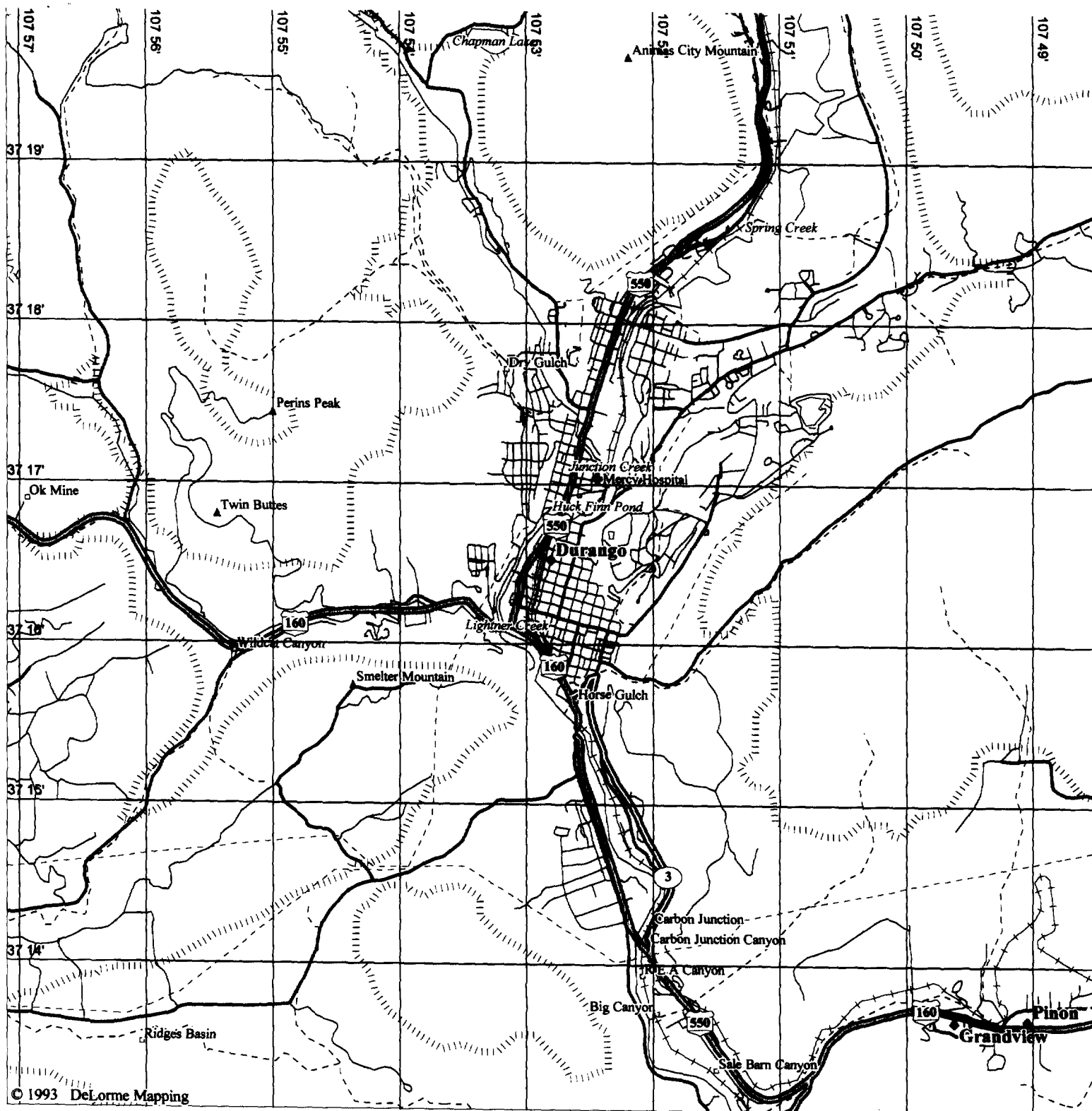
Current Spacings

DISPLAY DATES

DATA 11-08-96
SEARCH 11-09-96

----- Channel 288 - 105.5 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
KRYD.C CP	285C1	Telluride	CO	75.55	351.2	75.0	0.55
KURA LI	289C3	Ouray	CO	102.44	356.4	89.0	13.44
ALOPEN AL	288C	Grants	NM	240.57	180.3	226.0	14.57
KURA.A AP	289C3	Ouray	CO	112.43	353.3	89.0	23.43
KWYKFM LI	235C1	Aztec	NM	77.77	216.7	22.0	55.77
KZKS LI	287C	Rifle	CO	243.99	351.3	165.0	78.99
KZRQ LI	286C	Santa Fe	NM	194.36	147.0	95.0	99.36
KRZYFM LI	290C	Santa Fe	NM	195.03	147.1	95.0	100.03



LEGEND

- State Route
- Geo Feature
- ◆ Town, Small City
- ▲ Hill
- ⛶ Hospital
- 🏠 US Highway
- Population Center
- Street, Road

- Hwy Ramp
- Major Street/Road
- Street, Road
- Variable Trails
- ▬ State Route
- ▬ US Highway
- +++ Railroad
- River

- Intermittent River
- Utility (powerline)
- ▭ Open Water
- ||||| Contours

Durango CO(pop.12,430)
Mag 13.00
Sat Nov 09 04:48:47 1996

Scale 1:62,500 (at center)

1 Miles

2 KM

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry E. Crawford, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing
Petition for Rulemaking have been served by United States mail, postage
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